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For: **Method and system for presentation and specification of distributed multi-customer configuration management within a network management framework**

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Enclosed are also:

- 107 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 3 Pages of Claims  
 29 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Informal)  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
 Form PTO 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement  
 Copies of References  
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